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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

8. (Currently Amended) A tractor comprising:

a chassis including front and rear axles, the rear axle being a drive axle having a pair of drive wheels attached thereto;

an operator's station having a seat for an operator;

a cargo box supported by the chassis generally above the rear axle, the cargo box having a floor and upright walls; and

a hitch ball <u>removably</u> mounted above the rear axle for attachment of a trailer to the tractor <u>the hitch ball being fixed to a plate member and the tractor</u> <u>further having a pair of facing channels having an open end that receive opposite</u> <u>edges of the plate member to removably mount the plate and hitch ball to the tractor</u>.

9. (Cancelled)

- 10. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 8 wherein the hitch ball extends upward through an opening in the floor of the cargo box.
- 11. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 10 wherein the hitch ball is removably mounted to the tractor and further comprising a cover to close the opening in the cargo box floor when the hitch ball is removed.

12. (Cancelled)

- 13. (Currently Amended) The tractor as defined by claim 12 8 further comprising a catch to close the open end of the channels to trap the plate member therein.
 - 14. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 8 further comprising a three

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point hitch with links extending rearward beyond the rear axle.

15. (Original) The tractor as defined by claim 8 further comprising a draw bar extending rearward from the axle.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 5 and 9. Specifically, Fig. 5 has been amended to include the reference numeral 33 applied to the draw bar. Fig. 9 has been amended to clarify that the reference numeral 86 refers to the cover plate.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)